

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 9, line 15, please substitute the following paragraph.

A1 In one embodiment, the cuff 12 is made from flexible materials such as the materials used for conventional woven grafts. That is, it has been found that cuffs made from PTFE or PE or equivalent materials are acceptable for providing the cuff with the desired profile. The cuff 12 can be attached to the body 20 of the medical device 10 by employing sutures 40, though any structures or means for attaching the cuff 12 to a medical device 10 is acceptable. Moreover, the cuff 12 can be configured to receive a portion of the body 20 and to engage both an interior and an exterior segment of the body.

At page 10, line 5, please substitute the following paragraph.

A2 In an alternative embodiment (see FIGS. 5 and 6), it is contemplated that the cuff 50 of the present invention lack an annular space and rather, defines a simple sleeve structure. Again, the cuff 50 can be formed from conventional graft materials and can be sutured or otherwise affixed 52 to ends 24 of the body 20 of a medical device 10. The cuff 50 can be attached to an internal bore 54 of the body 20 to provide the medical device 10 with a profile well-suited for receiving other medical devices. The ends 24 of the medical device 10 are then left to engage the tissue into which the medical device 10 is implanted and to provide a robust anchor thereto. It is also contemplated that the cuff 50 can be affixed to an external circumference of the body 20 of the medical device 10 (not shown) to provide the device with